# Overview of Model-Based Systems Engineering Efforts to Evolve the Airspace Research Roadmap

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#### Introduction

- NASA's Air Traffic Management-Exploration (ATM-X) Urban Air Mobility (UAM) Subproject is conducting research that evolves UAM airspace towards a highly automated and operationally flexible system of the future.
- ➤ The complexity of UAM airspace evolution requires a **plan** to effectively organize, integrate, and communicate NASA's research and development.
  - This planning tool is called the UAM airspace research roadmap.
  - Implemented through Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) methodology



#### What is MBSE?

"The **formalized application of modeling** to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification and validation activities beginning in the conceptual design phase and continuing throughout development and later life cycle phases. MBSE is part of a long-term trend toward **model-centric approaches** adopted by other engineering disciplines, including mechanical, electrical and software."

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) vision



### Systems Models for Roadmap Development Lifecycle

#### I. Stakeholder Model

- Subproject's Need, Goals, Objectives
- Internal traceabilities



Subproject's Objectives flowed down to Airspace Elements / Components

#### II. Airspace Roadmap Model

- Airspace System Decomposition, Technical Requirements, Programmatic Plan
- Internal traceabilities



Requirements traced to Roadmap's Technical Requirements



#### IV. CNS Model

- CNS Concept of Operations, CNS System Architecture, CNS **System Requirements**
- Internal traceabilities

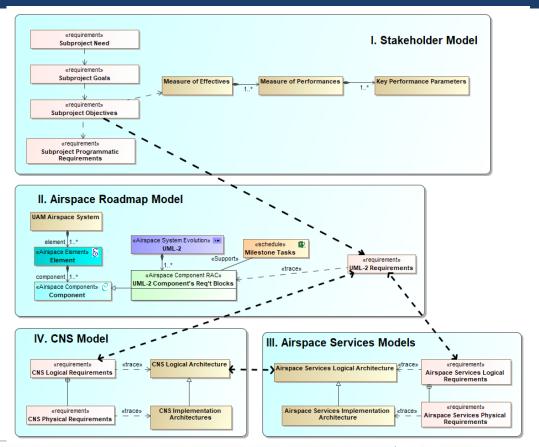


Architecture's interfaces

#### **III. Airspace Services System Models**

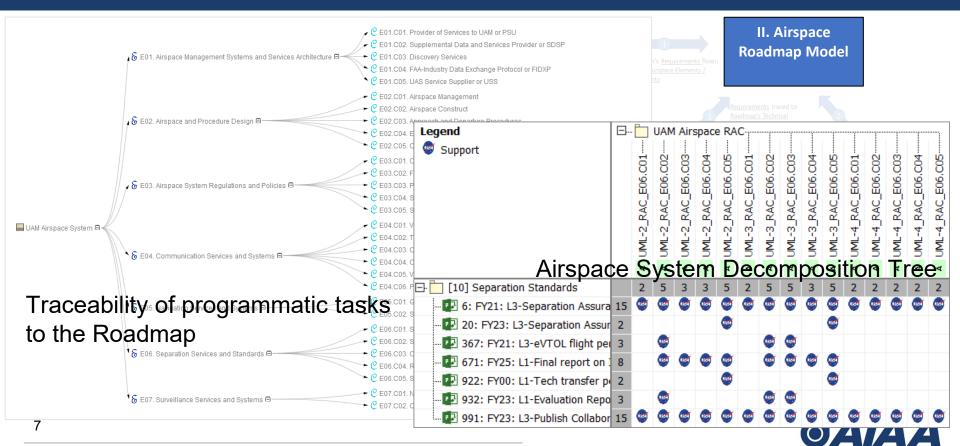
- Airspace Concept of Operations, System Architecture, Airspace Services Requirements
- Internal traceabilities

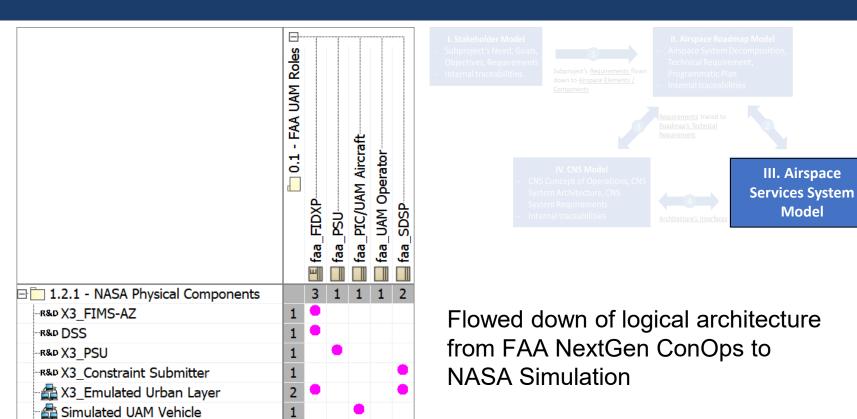




Meta-model definition showing structure and highlevel dependencies within and between models.



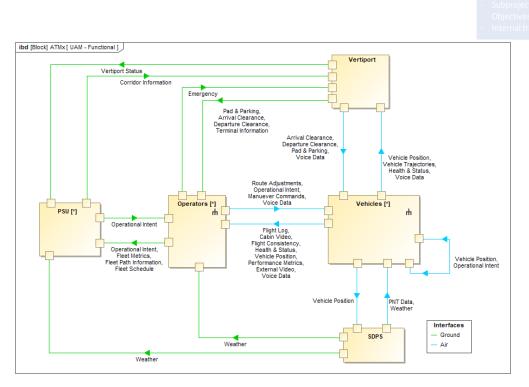


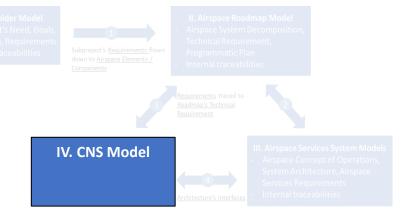




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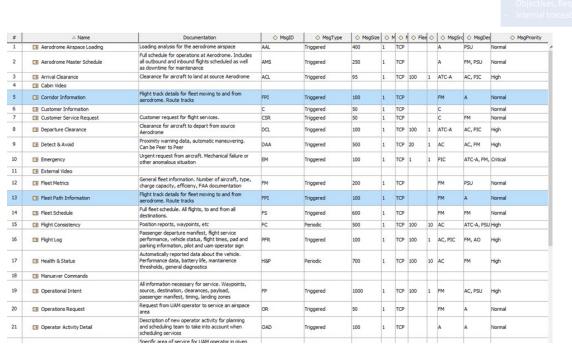
R&D Operator Interface

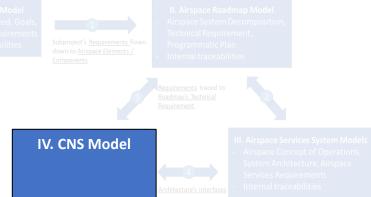




Functional CNS interface definition with associated data flows.







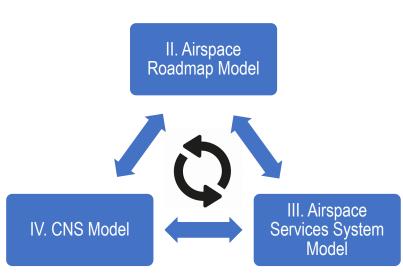
Data attributes defined for conveyed information. Used to drive external simulations. Requirements mapped to interfaces.



#### **Planned Activities**

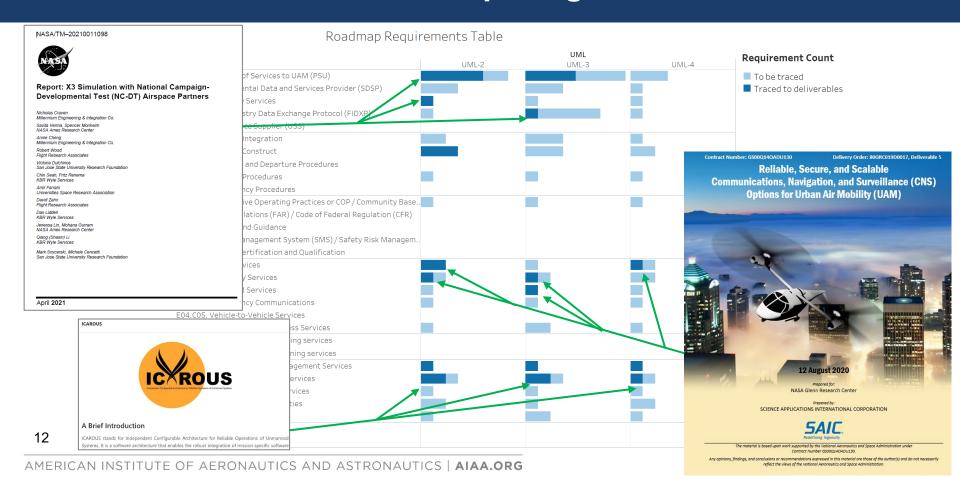
## Iteratively evolve all models in a coordinated manner

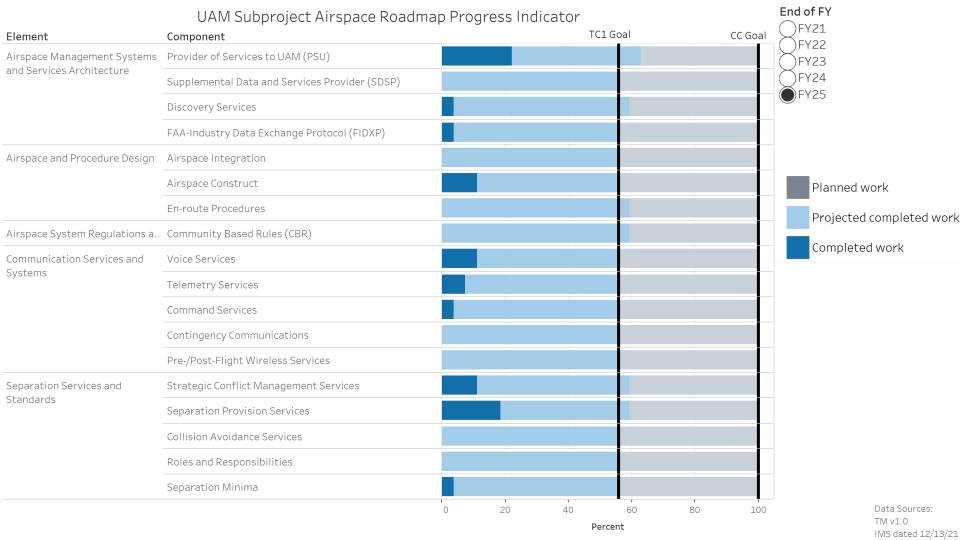
- Revision of the roadmap's elements or components, and requirements to align with ConOps, systems architecture, and interfaces.
  - Refinement of requirement's ontology definitions
  - Characterization of validation maturity scales
- Revision of milestones and its traceabilities to Roadmap
- Tracking progression toward the Subproject's goal
  - Validated requirements
  - Gap analysis and course-correction plan





#### Track Roadmap Progression







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